

COMMISSION AGENDA



**SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION**

***DRAFT MINUTES***

**Thursday, December 9, 2010  
1:30 p.m.**

**City of San José – T-1654  
200 E. Santa Clara Street  
San Jose, CA 95113**

**(a) CALL TO ORDER**

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- (1) The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m.
- (2) The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vaidya.

Present: Frances Jones, Larry Saltman, Roger Lasson, Martha O'Connell, Patrick Hall, Bob Gill, Rene Lovato, Elisa Perez-Lindley, Marie Hayter, Joyce Rabourn, Nancy Williamson, and Chaitanya Vaidya, Richard McCoy, and Milton Cadena.

Absent: None

Emeritus: None

Staff: Tracey Gott (Office on Aging), Linda Brewka (Office on Aging), Council Liaison, Stephanie Morrison.

**(b) INTRODUCTIONS**

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**Guests:**

- Lyn Nguyen - Outreach
- Dan Wax - PRNS Division Manager
- Julia Jones - VTA

**(c) ADOPTION OF ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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**ACTION:** The Commission approved the orders of the day with the following change: When the guest speaker, L.3, arrives adjust timing on Agenda to accommodate her arrival (Hall/McCoy).

**Time Certain**

<b>1:40</b>	<b>Item (h)</b>	<b>Mayor's Liaison Report</b>
<b>1:50</b>	<b>Item (i)</b>	<b>Council Liaison Report</b>

**(d) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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**ACTION:** The Commission approved September 9, 2010 Senior Commission Minutes as written – with one correction: Commissioner Milton Cadena was listed as absent – he was in fact in attendance for the meeting. (Lasson/Hall).

**(e) CORRESPONDENCE** Correspondence binder circulated at table.

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**(f) OPEN FORUM**

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Commissioner Joyce Rabourn – has received concerns regarding the use of Kirk Center for partial use. She would like to know the process of getting a response from the proper authority on the rules for usage.

**(g) CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (Jones)**

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- 1). Disability Awareness Day was well attended – and contained very good information for senior services.
- 2). Judge Cordell would like to come as guest speaker to Senior Commission Meeting as guest speaker to answer any question Commission may have.

**(h) MAYOR'S OFFICE LIAISON REPORT**

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Representation not present. In December 2010, Staff received an email from Khoa Nguyen stating that a representative will no longer be in attendance at Senior Commission meetings . This is mainly due to the budget down-sizing efforts all City Employees are experiencing.

**(i) COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT (Constant/Morrison)**

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- 1). December 17, 2010 – 10-12noon, @ Roosevelt Community Center – next Nutrition Task Force Meeting. Very important meeting.
- 2). End of January: will be a public hearing for Nutrition Task Force. CD1 will get date to Staff to communicate to Senior Commissioners.
- 3). **Fact:** 76% of Senior that use the Nutrition Program in City of San Jose as their main meal of the day. This program is a vital part to those seniors survival.

## **(j) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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### **(1) Health & Safety Committee Report**

- (a). Minutes from November 17, 2010 distributed @ table/in packet.
- (b). Discussion and adoption by the Senior Commission of the 'Safety program for Senior Center/Nutrition Sites'. Document distributed @ table.

**ACTION:** The Senior Commission/Staff will forward document to Dan Wax, PRNS Division Manager, to work with Gerontologists to implement and adopt the safety program at senior centers.(Lasson/Saltman)

### **(2) Housing & Human Services Committee Report**

- (a). Minutes from September 22, 2010 distributed in packet /at table.
- (b). Quarterly meeting on December 15, 2010.

## **(k) OLD BUSINESS**

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- (1) Review and possible action on report from City Clerk's office Structural Improvement/Framework Plan to City Boards, Commissions and Committees.

Dennis Hawkins reported that the Draft is still not complete, but City Clerk's Office will provide a working copy with at least 30 days to review to all commissions to provide input prior to sending the recommendations to Rules Committee.

City Clerk's Office states that January 2011 is a target date to have this document complete. Clerk's Office will have open/public hearings to discuss changes.

**ACTION:** Carry forward item to next Agenda O'Connell

## **(l) NEW BUSINESS**

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- (1). Discussion and possible action to urge the Mayor and City Council to pose the survey regarding support for City funding for the Senior Nutrition Program as, "76% of the Seniors at Senior/Community Centers stated in a recent survey that this is their main meal of the day. Do you want to cut the funds for Senior nutrition in the budget?" O'Connell

**ACTION:** Staff will research copy of last year's survey from Mayor's office and end results; SC – possible to write a letter to Mayor & City Council urging them to initiate a survey

**M: O'Connell**

**S:Saltman**

(2). Announcement about Rules Committee & the process of submitting letters to Mayor and Council

Email/ letter from City Clerk outlining the process.

a). Email document distributed @ table.

O'Connell

**ACTION: Information only; no action taken**

(3). Guest speaker from VTA to discuss the Commissioner's concerns regarding the enforcement of youth riders to vacate seats for the elderly and/or disabled riders in the clearly marked designated seats on each train. **(ORDERS OF THE DAY TO BE ADJUSTED TO THE ARRIVAL OF GUEST SPEAKER: Julia Jones, VTA) Arrived @ 1:45pm.**

**(1). According to the VTA Handbook Guidelines:**

\* A Coach Operator may request (not require) anyone to surrender a seat in Priority Seating Area. Cannot enforce the issue, if rider chooses not to go along with the request

\* According to VTA- A Senior Citizen is the age 65 and older.

\* Bus/ Coach vs Lightrail train – they have different issues; the SC Sheriff's Dept. partners with VTA to help enforce safety.

\* Call 408/321-2300 with questions or concerns

**(m) OFFICE ON AGING REPORT**

(1). Senior Commission Work Plan to go to Rules in January 2011.

(2). OARP – Older Adult Resource Program – closed; staff have been reassigned to Senior Centers.

(3). RSVP & SCP – Grants not getting renewed .Both programs to end in June 2011.

(4). Budget – currently at a 90 million dollar shortfall (and growing). Cuts to budget will be going deeper this year.

**(n) LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

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**(1) California Senior Legislature –**

**October 2010 – mailed in packet**

**November 2010 – mailed in packet**

**December 2010 – mailed in packet**

(o) COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS

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**(1) Updates on Senior Centers/Programs:**

Alma Senior Center (*Possibly*- Perez-Lindley). No report

Almaden Community Center (Saltman) No report

Berryessa Community Center (Perez-Lindley) No report

Camden Community Center (formerly Kirk)(Rabourn)- Center is doing well financially; would like to conduct an inquiry re: the feasibility to use Kirk for limited use/events.

Cypress Senior Center (McCoy) No report

Eastside Senior Center – (Cadena) Center moved back to site ( from temp site- Hank Lopez)

Evergreen Community Center (Lasson) No report

Gardner Community Center (Lasson)

7 Trees (formerly Iola Williams) (Jones) No report

Mayfair Community Center (formerly Hank Lopez)- Will begin cooking on site

CCCC – (Formerly Northside Community Center) (Gill) No meeting. No report

Roosevelt Community Center (Formerly St. James) No report

Southside Community and Senior Center (Hayter) No report

John XXIII (O’Connell) Many participants have an English language barrier. Asian Community experiencing difficulties communicating needs to obtain City Services due to automated telephone system. English as a second language classes are being reduced. Commissioner O’Connell volunteers on Mondays to assist with communication barrier and teach English to participants.

Willow Glen Community and Senior Center (Hall) Advisory Board leadership issues; in the process of disbanding

RSVP Advisory Group (Saltman) Will be dissolved on June 30, 2011

Senior Companion/Older Adult Resource Program (Saltman/Williamson) Will be dissolved on June 30, 2011.

**(2) Agency/Other Commission Liaison Reports:**

Human Rights Commission (Hayter/O’Connell) No report

Aging Services Collaborative (Lasson) No meeting. No report

Committee for Transit Accessibility (Saltman) No report

Council on Aging Advisory Council (Saltman) No report

County Senior Care Commission (Lovato) No report

Disability Advisory Commission (Gill) Event @ City Hall Successful. Reported out in Chair’s report.

Disaster Preparedness Task Force (Cadena) Upcoming workshops for disaster preparedness

Family Domestic Violence Task Force (City of San Jose) (Perez-Lindley) Meeting Cancelled.

Housing and Community Development Advisory Commission (HCDAC) (Lovato/Rabourn) No report

Parks and Recreation Commission (Jones) No report

Mobile Home Advisory Commission (O'Connell) Sent out infrastructure repair survey to residents; results from survey will be available in February / March 2011.

Senior Nutrition Task Force(Jones) No report

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**(p) REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS/PARKING LOT ITEMS (Brewka)**

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**Action Items:**

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**Parking Lot Items:**

None

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**(q) ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chair Jones**

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Staff will work with Chair to arrange a presentation from Judge Cordell, new IPA, to make a presentation to Senior Commission and discuss her position as it affects Senior in the community.

**(r) NEXT MEETING**

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**San Jose Senior Citizens Commission**

Thursday March 10, 2011 1;30pm-4:30pm

Location: City Hall, Tower Room- T1654

**Executive Committee ( to set agenda for March 10, 2011 meeting)**

Tuesday, February 22, 2011 10:00am-11:00am

City Hall, Tower Room T-133

**Housing and Human Services Subcommittee**

Wednesday, December 15, 2011 10;30am-12:00pm

City Hall, Tower Room, T-747

**Health and Safety Subcommittee**

Wednesday, February 23, 2011 2:00pm-3:30pm

Office on Aging

Old Almaden Winery

5730 Chambertin Dr.

San Jose Ca 95118

**(s) ADJOURNMENT @ 4:15pm (Lasson/ McCoy)**

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Submitted by Linda Brewka, Staff